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It has recently come to my attention that the NAB is attempting to block traffic and weather reports from taking place over satellite radio (under petition HR 04-160). I find this extremely disconcerting as I am an avid satellite radio user and have come to enjoy all the services which satellite radio provides. Satellite radio is in my opinion, the largest technical advance in audio broadcasting since FM. It is my deepest hope that lobbyists from the monopolistic media giants are not permitted to stifle such a wonderful new technology.

In the larger picture, we as the United States should be keenly aware of such situations that prevent or discourage the adoption and development of new technologies as we will find ourselves in the unfortunate situation of being a technology trailer in the world instead of a technology leader. It is this leadership that has provided us many of the comforts which we have come to love. I plea that you do the right thing and reject petition HR 04-160.

Kind regards,
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